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All letters upon business relative to the paper must be post-paid.

Gentlemen of leisure, who possess a taste for literary pursuits, are invited to favour us with communications.

Hillsborough Academy.

THE exercises of the summer session of the Hillsborough Academy closed on the 22d day of November last, by a public examination of the students. The trustees who were present, would do themselves injustice by withholding the expression of their high and entire approbation of the manner in which the boys acquitted themselves. It is not their object at this time to enumerate the different studies of the various classes, or to discriminate the merits of the competitors for distinction; all were approved, with a very few exceptions—highly so—and many acquitted themselves in a manner which would have done honour to years much more mature.

The examination evinced, in the most satisfactory manner, that the time of the boys had been industriously improved, both by themselves and their teacher. The abilities of Mr. Rogers as a teacher of youth, require no eulogium from this board; they are well known and duly appreciated. The trustees of this institution believe they run no risk in recommending it to the public patronage. Its advantages are many and striking. Situated in a healthy climate, in the midst of a moral and religious society, under the direction of an able and laborious teacher; it is thought that the youth sent here will enjoy advantages not surpassed in any academy. And when it is recollecting that this institution is, what every other in the state should be, literally a school preparatory to the university, it will readily be perceived that boys instructed here will have a decided advantage over those instructed elsewhere. An uniform plan of instruction, which should be adopted by all the academies in the state, has long been desired by those who have turned their attention to the subjects, and the diversity of plans which have, and still do exist, has been felt to be a great evil. The studies of the youth in the Hillsborough Academy are conducted under the superintendence of the president and faculty of the University. The professor of languages, with such other member of the board as can be conveniently spared, attend the examinations—so that a boy's progress, from the time he enters the academy until he closes his course there, is witnessed by those to whom is to be entrusted his future succeeding course; and when a boy passes through all the classes here, he enters immediately, without any additional examination, into the freshman class at college. These are some few of the advantages attending this institution, from its local situation. Its character is already high—we trust its future management will not have a tendency to diminish public confidence.

The Trustees.

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The editor of the Raleigh Star is requested to give the above three insertions, and forward his account to this office.

Hillsborough Academy.

THE exercises of this institution will be resumed on the first Monday in January. In addition to the studies already pursued as preparatory to admission into the University, an extensive English course will be commenced, which is designed to facilitate the subsequent studies of those who may be admitted. The French language will also be taught without any additional charge. Parents and guardians, who may wish to obtain further information respecting that school, with regard to the terms of tuition, rules, plan of studies, &c. shall have it on application to the subscriber.

John Rogers, Principal.

Who will receive a few students as boarders.

Dec. 3.

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NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Col. William Sheppard, deceased, are requested to present them for settlement within the time specified by law, otherwise they will be barred recovery; and those indebted to come forward and pay what the owner respectively. As the claims against the estate are of an urgent nature, the administrator will be compelled to be equally urgent with those who are indebted to it.

John Rogers, Adm'r.

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NOTICE.

LOST or mislaid a note of hand for one hundred dollars, in which Sterling Hartt was principal and John J. Carrington security, Harrison Parker witness, dated sometime in May or June 1821, and payable the 25th of December following. All persons are hereby warned trading for said note, as no transfer of it has ever been made.

Wm. Carrington, jr.

Orange county, Nov. 30. 47-

MASONIC LOTTERY.

In consequence of the absence of four of the managers, the SEVENTH day's drawing is postponed until Friday the 13th instant, and the time of the Eighth day's drawing will be announced in the Recorder of the succeeding week.

The Managers.

Dec. 2. 47-

JUST RECEIVED,

3000 lbs. Northern Cheese,
200 lbs. spun Cotton,
Half pipe Pico Madeira Wine, superior quality,
8 doz. red, green and black Morocco Skins,
200 bushels Salt,
20 lbs. Spanish Indigo,
Wagon Boxes, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4 by 2, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 2, and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Expected soon, a further supply of Paints and Dyestuffs, also Gold and Silver Leaf.

D. Yarbrough.

Wanted to purchase, two stout well made Wagon Horses, between four and seven years old, and 300 lbs. Pork.

D. Y.

Dec. 3. 47-2w

Negroes to Hire.

ON Saturday the 28th of December, at the Market-house, in Hillsborough, will be hired Jim, a blacksmith, Stephen, a carpenter, and Duncan, a farmer, negroes belonging to the estate of Ann Whited, deceased.

Levi Whitted, Guardian.

Dec. 3. 47-

Negroes to Hire and Land to Rent.

ON Monday the 23d of December, at the house of Mrs. Jane Ray, will be hired for the year 1822, the negroes belonging to the late David Ray, and will be rented several tracts of land and a mill.

And on the 28th of December, at the Market-house in Hillsborough, will be hired the negroes of Strudwick's heirs.

James Webb.

Nov. 26. 46-4w

COTTON GIN.

THE subscribers have put into operation in Hillsborough a Cotton Gin, where cotton will be cleaned at short notice.

Kirkland & Webb.

Nov. 13. 44-

Land for Sale.

THE subscriber offers for sale that valuable Plantation and well known House of Entertainment where he now lives, two miles east from Hillsborough: the house is well finished and roomy, with a good kitchen, good stables, and all other necessary out-houses; with an Oil Mill, in good order, calculated to make two thousand gallons of oil per annum. The land is rich, and the plantation in good repair, with a good meadow and orchard, is well timbered and watered, affording two excellent springs, and the situation is as healthy as any in the state. All of which will be sold on reasonable terms; or should it be desired, the house and plantation will be sold separately from the mill.

Wm. Pickett.

N. B. The subscriber continues to purchase Flax Seed at his oil mill, as usual, at eighty cents per bushel.

W. P.

Orange county, 11th mo. 12. 44-1f

JUST PUBLISHED,

and for sale at this Office, and the several stores in town,

HEARTT'S ALMANAC

FOR

1823.

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FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers for sale the large and convenient dwelling house and lot where he now lives, in the town of Hillsborough. The lot contains an acre of ground. The house contains eight rooms, well finished, with a large garret room; adjoining the house is a dining room, 30 by 16 feet, well finished. The other improvements on the lot are a kitchen, smoke house, barn, stable, carriage house, &c. and a well of excellent water within a few feet of the kitchen door. It would form an eligible situation for a large family, or any person disposed to keep a private boarding house.

The terms will be accommodating. Any application by mail, for further and more particular information, will be attended to without delay.

John Witherspoon.

July 16. 27-1f

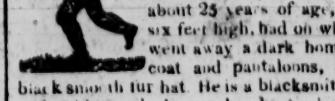
Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN away, or was stolen from the subscriber, about the 9th of November, inst., a bright mulatto negro man, by the name of CALIF. This boy is about 25 years of age, about six feet high, had on when he went away a dark homespun coat and pantaloons, and a black smooth turban. He is a blacksmith, and a tolerably good shoe maker by trade; is active and sensible, trim made and somewhat knock-kneed. It is supposed that he may have procured a free pass. Any person who will apprehend the said boy and deliver him to the subscriber in Caswell county, or secure him in any jail where he can get him, shall receive the above reward.

David Mitchell.

Caswell county, N.C. 3

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Houses and Lots in Hillsborough, FOR SALE.

DR. O'FARREL will sell all his houses and lots, either in the whole or singly.

Prime Cider by the quart, and domestic Wine equal to any imported.

Also Montanus's Hebrew Bible, and Buxtorf's Hebrew Lexicon and Grammar.

Oct. 16. 40-1f

CONGRESS.

Monday, December 2.

A quorum of both houses appeared, and a message was sent to the president informing him of their organization.

Six ballottings took place for a clerk of the house, to supply the place of the late Mr. Dougherty; but there being 20 candidates no election was made.

Tuesday, December 3.

After five other ballottings for a clerk, Matthew St. Clair Clark, from Pennsylvania, was elected.

The message of the president of the United States was received, which being read, was ordered to be printed.

Wednesday, December 4.

On motion of Mr. Moore, of Alab.

Resolved, That the judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing the state of Alabama three representatives, in conformity with the 2d section of the act, for the apportionment of representatives among the several states according to the 4th census.

Mr. Whipple, of N.H. offered for consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on military affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States, passed April 23d. 1808, so that the arms provided in virtue of said act, and transmitted to the several states composing this union, and the territories thereof, shall, by each state and territory, be deposited and kept in proper arsenals, to be provided by such state or territory, to be delivered to the militia thereof only when they may be called into actual service.

Mr. Taylor, of N.Y. suggested that the committee to be appointed on the general subject of this resolution, would seem to be the proper one to which to refer the consideration of this resolution.

At the last session, Mr. T. had himself been of opinion that all subjects connected with the militia and with the army, should be referred to the same committee.

But, on the motion of a gentleman of

North Carolina.

On the committee of Post Office and Post Roads.—Messrs. F. Johnson,

Hooks, Gross, Stoddart, Campbell of N.Y. Bateman and Wilson.

On the committee for the District of Columbia.—Messrs. Kent, Mercer, Neale, Matlack, Patterson of Pen. Rochester and J. Stephenson.

On the committee on the Judiciary.—Messrs. Nelson of Va. Plumer of N.H. Dickinson, Burton, Sanders, Johnston of Lou. and Hemphill.

On the committee of Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.—Messrs. Rhea, Little, Eddy, Allen of Ten. Wm. Smith, Hubbard, and Barber of Ohio.

On the committee of Public Expenditures.—Messrs. Montgomery, Dwight, Crafts, Gebbard, Gist, Tatnall and Harris.

On the Committee on Private Land Claims.—Messrs. Campbell, of Ohio Conkling, Upshur, Moore of Alab. Sterling of Con. Cradup, and Van Rensselaer.

On the committee on Manufactures.—Messrs. Tod, Woodson, Floyd, Conner, Nelson of Md. Condit and Forward.

On the committee on Agriculture.—Messrs. Butler, Baylies, Garnett, McNeil, Vance, Findlay, and New.

On the committee on Indian Affairs.—Messrs. Metcalf, Bigelow, Mitchell of Penn. Mercer, McCarty, Williamson, and Williams of Va.

On the committee on Foreign Affairs.—Messrs. Russel, Wright, Trimble, Taylor, Archer, Farrelly, and Rodney.

On the committee on Military Affairs.—Messrs. Eustis, Cocke, Dalworth, Darlington, Smith of Ky. McCarty and Mattocks.

On the committee on Naval Affairs.—Messrs. Fuller, Randolph, Gilmer, Colden, Warfield, Plumer of Pen. and Harvey.

On the committee on Revision and Unfinished Business.—Messrs. Ross, Hawks, and Brown of Penn.

On the committee on Accounts.—Messrs. Allen of Mass. Swan and Ruggles.

On the suppression of the Slave Trade.—Messrs. Gorham, Philips, Govan, Borland, Jones, of Va. Hall and Herrick.

On the militia.—Messrs. Cannon, McCarty, Findlay, A. Smith, J. T. Johnson, Saunders, and Reed, of Mass.

On the Cumberland Road.—Messrs. Hemphill, Pitcher, Russ, Jackson, Long, Cushman and Stewart.

Thursday, December 5.

On motion of Mr. Williams of N.C. it was

Resolved, That the committee on the post office and post roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of extending the stage route from Salem by Ashe Courthouse, in North-Carolina, to Jonesborough in Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Hall, it was

Resolved, That the committee on the post office and post roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Fayetteville, N.C. to Norfolk, Va. and from thence up the bay, by steam boat carriage, to Baltimore, or such other place as will be most convenient, at all seasons of the year, to form a junction with the main stage road.

Mr. A. Stevenson, of Va. called the attention of the house to a communication made at a late period of the last session of congress, by the president of the United States, transmitting to the house the correspondence which had taken place between the French government and the United States, relative to the claim of the heirs of Beaumarchais.

The subject had then been referred to a select committee, which did not report upon it. He now moved that the subject be again referred to a select

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Mr. Turner, a bill to incorporate Shady Grove Academy, in Warren county.

Mr. L. Martin, bill to amend an act passed in 1811, to make the stealing of standing corn, &c. larceny.

Mr. Worth, a bill to incorporate the Library Society in Guilford county—which bills passed their first reading.

Mr. Boykin, from the special committee to whom was referred the resolution directing an enquiry into the expediency of amending the standard laws, made a report recommending the passage of a bill accompanying the report, entitled a bill to amend an act passed in 1818, relative to weights and measures—which was concurred in, and the bill passed its first reading.

The bill to appoint commissioners to assess the damages sustained by individuals from the establishment of Horton's turnpike road—and the bill to compel the clerks of the court of Hyde county to keep their offices at the court house, passed their third reading.

Mr. Cameron from the said committee, to whom was referred the resolution directing an enquiry into the expediency of compelling both plaintiff and defendant to pay cost when an appeal is taken from the judgment of a single justice, reported that it is inexpedient—which report was concurred in.

The bill directing the distribution of acts of congress—the bill to amend an act passed in 1777, making provision for the poor and other purposes, and the bill to amend an act passed in 1741 to prevent the stealing of cattle, &c. passed their third reading.

Mr. Person, a bill to repeal an act in addition to the acts relative to insolvent debtors, passed in 1821; which passed its first reading.

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Friday, Dec. 6.

Mr. Graham, from Rutherford, presented a resolution instructing the committee on the judiciary to inquire into the policy and propriety of amending, altering, or repealing the acts of assembly now in force relative to the removal of suits and prosecutions from one county to another, to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Gary presented a resolution instructing the same committee to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws relative to executors and administrators, so as upon the plea of fully administered being found in favour of executors or administrators, that lands shall be considered as assets in their hands and be sold by them under order of the court, upon their giving bonds in a sum sufficient to cover the value of such land, and that they report by bill or otherwise—which resolution, on motion, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the bill declaring what staves and heading, shall be merchantable, was referred to Messrs. Blackledge E. E. Graham, Cole, Blair and N. M'Neill.

The resolution in favor of the heirs of J. Cunningham passed its 3d reading with an amendment.

A message was received from the governor, covering a report from the adjutant general of the state, by which it appears, that the aggregate number of the militia amounts to 58,019, exceeding the return made last year by 18,402.

The bill directing the time and place of sales of lands and slaves under execution, being on its 2d reading, a motion was made for its indefinite postponement, which was negatived, 64 to 29.

The following bills were presented:

By Mr. Clancy, a bill to incorporate Franklin library society in the town of Hillsborough.

Mr. Barringer a bill to incorporate Western Sun Lodge No. 72, in the county of Wake.

On motion of Mr. J. Graham, Resolved, That the committee on internal improvements be instructed to enquire into the propriety and policy of the state granting a charter for the purpose of improving the great travelling road from the Saluda Gap through Buncombe, by Asheville to the Tennessee line, beyond the Warren Springs—and that they further enquire into the expediency of the state becoming interested in one half of the stock raised under the said charter.

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Ninety-five being a majority, no election took place.

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Branch 84; Stokes 63; Yancey 38.

Another balloting was ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Beall, from the committee appointed on the road laws, made a report, recommending the passage of a bill to amend the road laws—which report was concurred in, and the bill passed its first reading.

Tuesday, December 10.

Mr. Mebane, from the judiciary committee, to whom was referred the resolution directing them to enquire into the expediency of abolishing the existing laws authorising imprisonment for debt, made a report, recommending the passage of a bill for the relief of debtors in relation to debts contracted after the first day of January next. The report was concurred in, and the bill read the first time.

A message was sent to the senate proposing to ballot immediately, for lieut. colonel and major of cavalry attached to the 10th brigade and 5th division, and nominating Theodoric F. Burchett as colonel and John Zimmerman as major.

Mr. Hill from the balloting committee for senator reported the state of the votes as follows:

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His excellency Gabriel Holmes, attended in the house of commons this day at 12 o'clock, and in the presence of the members of both houses, qualified as governor for the ensuing year, the usual oaths being administered by chief justice Taylor.

The following bills were presented:

Mr. Cox, a bill to authorise William Blackledge, of Lenoir county, to erect a bridge across Neuse river—Also a bill giving further time to Frederick Cox, of Lenoir, to build a bridge across Neuse river.

Mr. White, a bill to establish Culpeper Academy in Anson county, and to incorporate the trustees thereof—which bills passed their first reading.

Monday Dec. 9.

A message was sent to the senate, proposing to ballot immediately for a senator to congress, and nominating for that appointment, Montfort Stokes, Bartlett Yancy and John Branch, esqrs.

A message was received from the senate, proposing to ballot for a Brigadier general of the 15th brigade, and withdrawing from the nomination for that appointment John Fagan.

The bill authorising the proprietors of Beard's Bridge to keep a ferry in certain cases—the bill to alter the time of holding the county courts of Person—the bill to amend an act passed in 1777, making provision for the poor and for other purposes—the bill to restore John Shately of Wilkes county to credit, and the bill directing the distribution of the acts of congress, passed their first reading.

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SOUTH CAROLINA.

The legislature of South Carolina met on Monday the 25th ult. John L. Wilson was elected president of the senate, and Patrick Noble speaker of the house of representatives. On Tuesday the message of the governor was delivered to both branches of the legislature. From this lengthy and able document we have made two or three extracts, as being on subjects of more general interest. The policy of abolishing imprisonment for debt has found many able advocates in various parts of the union; and humanity will be gratified in witnessing a continued increase of feeling on this subject. The governor thus remarks:

"In a commercial country, the utmost vigilance and wisest counsels should be exerted to enforce the obligation of contracts. No expedient more efficient to prevent a fraudulent departure from them, has yet been discovered, than to visit with infamous punishment those who are guilty. Yet I would respectfully suggest that real misfortune should not be blended with crime, nor the victims of it reduced to the level of culprits and felons.—Imprisonment for debt has been exploded from the statute book of some of the most enlightened governments on earth, as impolitic and unjust; and an appalling view of the miseries it engenders can be seen in the pictures exhibited by the statistical writers not only of Great Britain; but I regret to add of our own country. Humanity weeps over the melancholy scene, and I indulge a hope that the complaints of the oppressed will reach your ear, and find from you, not an unavailing sympathy, but an ample redress."

The two following extracts are on the subject of education. In the first he forcibly impresses on the mind the necessity and importance of education generally, in the second, he warms our imagination with the advantages likely to result from the establishment of a national university.

"Few subjects can with more propriety be pressed on your attention, or produce higher or more durable benefits to the state, than that relating to the education of youth. The despots of continental Europe have borrowed their energies from the ignorance of those they govern; but in our free and happy country, all moral and physical stability is proportioned to the cultivation of the mind. This is at once the safeguard of the liberties we now enjoy and the prolific source of future greatness. It refines and chastens the public morals, rebukes public vices, promotes social happiness, awakens generous ambition, and will preserve to posterity the precepts of wisdom and the munitions of experience."

"The patriot and the philanthropist will mingle their regret that so little has been done by united America for the cause of science and literature. 'Tis certain, if the counsels of the great philosopher of our country; if the advice of our ablest and most experienced statesmen; if the repeated admonitions of Washington himself, have failed to awaken the sensibility of the nation to this great object; the voice of the people alone, plainly and audibly expressed, will reveal to us a view of its splendour and importance. Let us then exert ourselves in hastening the approach of that auspicious day, when by the establishment of a national university, the reputation of our beloved country will be redeemed; the cause of literature vindicated, the bonds of union strengthened, sectional prejudices extinguished, and the United States become as celebrated for protecting the arts and sciences, as for defending the rights of man."

AFFAIRS OF COLOMBIA.

The following statement of the war in the Republic of Colombia, has been handed to us by an intelligent person who has resided many years at Caracas, and who recently arrived here from that city:

"The royal general Morales had

entered Maracaybo with about 1500 men, at which place he would be able to procure supplies in abundance, of every description, and augment his army to 3000 men, and increase it as he advanced. The probability was, that Morales would march to Truxillo, which would produce a fermentation throughout the republic, by putting the malcontents into motion, so that the very existence of that government depends upon their dislodging Morales from that position. The entire force of the Colombian army is computed at 5000 men, but of that number, 3000 will be required to garrison the different points in the district of Caracas, to sustain the siege of Puerto Cabello, and prevent the disaffected from taking advantage of Morales' late success; consequently, it was presumed that only 2000 men could be spared to operate against him under the republican generals Montilla, Paez and Soublette; it may be calculated, however, that out of that number, after the fatigues incident to long marches in that soil and climate, only 1500 men would be fit for ser-

vice. Should the Columbian forces fail in that attempt, the whole country must fall into the hands of Morales, who would immediately take Caracas, the capital, and the other places in that district, and the remains of the republican army must inevitably retire to the remote plains of Apure, some hundred leagues in the interior; on the other hand, if they succeed, Morales will be under the necessity of embarking for Puerto Cabello, provided he is able to keep up his communication with the coast.

"The people of Colombia are unfortunately distracted and torn to pieces by intestine divisions and dissensions, owing chiefly to their armies being commanded by foreign officers, namely, English, Irish, French and American, which has caused great and increasing discontent; to which is added, that a considerable portion of the population has always been, and is favourable to the mother country. The army of Morales is composed altogether of blacks, mulattoes, Sambos, (half black and half Indian) and white creoles, all natives of that country. They are commanded by colonels, captains, and subaltern officers of the same colour and casts; who wear crosses and other insignia of royal distinction, of which they are uncommonly ostentatious and vain, and of course are very zealous to secure their rank and honours; being besides on a level in every other respect with the European officers of Spain. Morales is a popular man of great energy and military knowledge, and has risen from the ranks to his present high station; he is a native of Teneriffe, but has resided upwards of thirty years in Venezuela.

"It was the universal opinion at Caracas, that the safety of the republic depended upon the issue of the expected contest with Morales.

N.Y. Evening Post.

Dreadful Earthquake at Aleppo.—A letter in the Austrian Observer, from Constantinople, dated Sept. 3d, describes this event in the following manner: Aleppo, one of the most beautiful cities of the Ottoman empire, has been visited by an earthquake, resembling those which laid waste Lisbon and Calabria, in the last century. The first and most severe shock occurred on the 13th of August about ten in the evening, and instantly buried thousands of the inhabitants under the ruins of their elegant mansions of stone, some of which deserved the appellation of palaces.—Several other shocks succeeded, and even on the 16th shocks were severe. Two-thirds of the houses of this populous city are in ruins, and along with them an immense quantity of valuable goods of all kinds, from Persia and India, have been destroyed.

According to the first accounts of this event, which through alarm may have been exaggerated, the number of sufferers amounts to from 25 to 30,000. Among them is one of the best men in the city, the imperial consul-general the Chevalier Estras Von Piccotti.

Tartars who have arrived from Damascus reported that they saw the whole population of Aleppo encamped in the environs. They state that several other towns in the Pachalate of Aleppo and Tripoli, particularly Antioch and Laodicea, have been destroyed by the earthquake. The captain of a French ship has reported that two rocks had arisen from the sea in the neighborhood of Cyprus, which is almost under the same latitude as Aleppo.

As soon as the Arabs and Bedouins heard of the calamity that had befallen Aleppo, they hastened in-hordes to exercise their trade of plunder in that immense grave. Behem Pacha, however, drove them back, and also executed several Janissaries who had committed depredations among the dead bodies and ruins.

Aleppo is the capital of Syria, chiefly inhabited by Turks, and the third city in population and wealth in the Ottoman empire. It contained about 230,000 inhabitants.

Land for Sale.

WILL be sold, on a long credit, at the Market-house in Hillsborough, on the 28th of December, the land whereon John L. Kirk now lives, also the land on which Benjamin Crutchfield now lives. Terms made known on the day of sale by

James Webb

Dec. 7. 48—tds

A Good Opportunity.

THE proprietors of the OBSERVER & GAZETTE, will sell a great bargain of their printing establishment in Fayetteville.

From the many advantages in point of local situation, with the extensive patronage this paper now possesses, it promises to be a long, one of the most profitable journals printed in the state, and at the same time to afford a good field for the display of useful talent. To a man of some capital, practically acquainted with the details of a printing office, such an opportunity seldom occurs.

Further information may be obtained, by letter, addressed to James Sewall, Fayetteville, N.C.

Fayetteville, Nov. 26.

From "LYRICS," BY W. B. TAFTAN.

I long had loved thee, thou wast dearer far
Than all mortality beside could boast;
My pride, my glory thou, my chosen star.
I loved the well, but I do love thee most
Since the sad time, that sickness writhed this
frame;

For well do I remember all the care
Which, gathering round thee, clouded thy
young brow,

The while thou lean'dst o'er me, with looks
the same

Of tenderness, that first taught me to bow
At goodness' shrine, a willing votary there.

A wife—what tie, love! can with this com-
pare,

Best of God's gifts!—where all of loveliness
is given, to soothe the sojourner below?

O, hard his passage through life's wilderness,
Who has not woman to assuage his woe!

I long had loved thee, and in early hours
Thy image came along with beauty blotted;

Then Pleasure beckoned me unto her bower,

While all of sunshine on my steps attended.

Dearest! I sought thee in youth's halcyon day,

Yet more I prize thee, now the low ray

Of calm enjoyment, gently steals along,

Gilding with sober tint, our humble way.

Remote from all the bustle of the throng,

Our home is in each other, and the sun,

Of pomp and splendour, love! we shall not
heed;

The world is not for us, and those within

Who seek their aliment, are rich indeed;

To us is given the soul-soothing song—

And Love to bless,—we ask no other need.

Though fond of retrospect, and I confess

That on the past I've gaz'd with dear delight,

And, much reviewing, marked new cause to
bless,

Heaven and thee, love! yet with fonder ken,

Thought glances onward to the coming night,

The softly stealing night of being, when

We two shall downward tread the narrow

vale,

Which shadows forth into eternity,—

The pathway fraught with Eden's primal

balm,

Leading to heights of peace, where travellers

see

The lightning fork below, but feel no harm;

And hear the tempest rave, no storms can

them assail.

While hand in hand we journey on, how sweet,

The converse of departed hours, the tale

Of other days, will 'guide our pilgrim feet.

From the Connecticut Mirror.

THE PRAYER FOR RAIN.

I have been almost tempted, for the benefit of landsmen, to publish my friend Joe Grummet's journal of his two year's voyage at sea.—These sailors—good honest fellows—suffer and forget, and venture again; and either they are less talkative or more modest than we are on shore, or they really do not feel—or cannot tell their hardships. Good natured, grateful souls, they are on shore for the time being, and that's enough. Thousands here make it a point to grumble, when they are not only out of danger but in the midst of prosperity. Among farmers, and even the owners of a garden, the season is always too hot or too cold, too wet or too dry, it is windy or chilly—too dry for potatoes, or too wet for corn, the hay will come in short, the grain was winter killed, the oats were rusty and the rye blasted. There is dampness or dew, or no dew, or mildew—there are worms in the grass, or caterpillars on the trees; there has been a frost; or there will be a frost; if the weather do not suit, it is bad; if it does, it is a weather breeder. If there is a mild summer, there will be an early frost—if an easy winter, look out for a tempestuous spring; does the month of March "come in like a lamb," it will "go out like a lion."

The people of New England, keep an annual thanksgiving appointed by the government.—They began and have continued it, and are the only people who make it a regular and solemn business, required by law, except that now and then New York, New Jersey, &c., attempt it from imitation. I have heard from some Yankees that have been there at such times, that it was very awkwardly done, and yet the people of New-England, are perpetually grumblers by way of eminence.

I was induced to these remarks by a visit to a small town in Connecticut, near the sea, where I went to spend a few days with my friends, to eat clams and fish, and have the benefit of the sea air.

Joe Grummet had just returned from a two year's voyage, after whales and seals, and though he never communicates except in answer to questions, yet I found him a very clever entertaining companion. He is a good hand to dig clams and catch fish, and he makes excellent chowders, bakes blackfish rarely on a hot stone, and with some of aunt Herds-grass's butter, it is superb, but this

business of a marine diet is a digres-
sion.

In this and the neighbouring towns

there was great complaint of drought, and parson Fivepoints had appointed a meeting, to pray for rain, which

was to be generally attended by all his parishioners, and by all the members of the family with which I live.

The appointed service fell on a hot afternoon. I rode in company with my aunt and cousins towards the meeting house, and found myself joined

on the road by most of the neighbours who had not already gone before us.

A negro man of my uncle's, whom we found industriously hoeing a potato field by the road side, was the only one who in spite of invitation or even threats, refused to leave his work, but was excused for this

very good reason, that he was dressing the field, and getting it ready for the rain that no doubt was coming.

"Go," said he, "but there must be somebody at home to fix for the shower." The negro's faith seemed

so great, that it became a matter of conscience to let him alone, and we left him pursuing his sweaty work under a clear sky, with a zeal at least

as practical as that of the departing parishioners. We kept on towards the meeting-house, forming as we went an irregular troop of horse, which was constantly increased by such as fell in at the road and bye paths, to say nothing of a very considerate body of infantry, male and female, that poured in from all quarters, when at a turn of the road near the beach. I discovered my Shetland friend digging clams, and pursuing an employment which depended little on the weather. I left the cavalcade, and rode to the shore where he was.

"Joe" said I, "are you not going with us?" "Oh! yes," said he, "if you wish it, but, to tell the truth, I am so grateful for what I have, that I don't care to ask for more."

"John," continued he, dropping his hoe-handle, and looking up to me with more than usual earnestness, "is it decent, is it proper for a man who has just escaped when his vessel has been blown down, when his friends have been drowned—after being wrecked, and saved through two years' peril

—after having prayed, and had his

prayers granted—just as with a light

heart he sees his friends and feels as though he ought to be ten times more

grateful than I am, is it decent to ask any more?" "Why," continued he, with increasing energy, "when I find my father, my mother, my sisters and brothers all well and joyful even to tears, but two days ago to receive me, when the old man in his evening

prayer said that his son who was lost had been found, who was dead and

was alive again—why in the name of

all that is grateful should I ask more, just because that little spindling patch

of corn that the sun had twisted, may

or may not come straight with the dew of the night? In short, I have no

fault to find, and am too overjoyed to ask for anything. The best way to

get more, is to be grateful for what you have."

"But Joe," said I, "consider the neighbours attend, though they do not feel so grateful as you, not having the same cause, though I

give they have been preserved from the same dangers that you have been exposed to."

"Yes," said Joe, "I see you understand it, and I'm sorry I told you that I'd go if you wished it; but, as my hands are dirty, just write a small note of thanks for my return and put in the thanks of the family, and your own if you please, (well, be honest John,) or I'll write it myself in a minute, when I catch the horse."

Joe went for the horse, and soon

appeared with several of the family dressed with unusual care, and with looks of more than common seriousness. As we travelled on to overtake the rest of the neighbours, he came up to me and asked to see what I had written, which he took and corrected in one or two places with a pencil as he walked his horse, and then returned it.

Though Joe was so particular about his note, it was forgotten by every body and by me too, after it was read. I gave it to parson Five-

points at the meeting house door, and as he shook me by the hand. I had a moment's time to tell him a little about Joe's feelings and the reason why he attended.

I can hardly tell why it was, but the clergyman in his prayer spent

most of his feelings upon Joe. He

prayed that he might have "the blessing of the land and of the sea," and

perhaps from the resemblance of his

name to the great minister in Egypt, he prayed that the blessings of heaven above, the blessings of the deep

that lie under, the blessings of his

father and his progenitors unto the

utmost bounds of the everlasting hills